

CITY OF WATERVILLE

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2020
MID-DAY CAFÉ, MID MAINE TECHNICAL CENTER
(WATERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, REAR ENTRANCE)

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REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: NICHOLAS ISGRO, MAYOR
 MIKE ROY, CITY MANAGER

COUNCILORS: MICHAEL MORRIS, FLAVIA OLIVEIRA, SYDNEY MAYHEW,
 RICHARD FOSS, CLAUDE FRANCKE, ERIK THOMAS

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NO CONFLICTS WERE DISCLOSED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JULY 21, 2020

RESOLUTION 171-2020 RATIFYING THE ROLL OF ACCOUNTS NO. 15

Motion Made and Seconded for Approval of Consent
Agenda

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 146-2020 AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Motion Made and Seconded to Amend changing gross
vehicle weight in excess to 18,000 pounds.
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,

Foss, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: Francke
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: Francke

Motion Made and Seconded to Read Order 155, Ordinance
164, Resolution 165, and 172-179 items by Title Only
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to take Resolution 179 Out of
Order
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 179-2020 ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER
COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION FOR THE CHARTER REVISION

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilor Foss questioned why the rule changed at the
end for the 7/3 votes and will be voting no because of
the removal of the 7/3 votes along with having an age
requirement for the Mayor seat.
Rien Finch, Charter Committee member, said the removal
of the 7/3 votes was under the suggestion of the City
Solicitor and this is a solid document.
Councilor Thomas asked what the outcome would be if
they vote no on this item.
City Solicitor, Bill Lee, informed the council it must
go to the voters and the councilors have an obligation
to send this document to give the voters the final
vote.
Councilor Francke thanked all the committee members
for their hard work and his only concern was the
majority vote needed for passing the budget.
Mr. Finch added, the committee has spent 6 months
working on the charter and made it easier for people
to understand and updated state statues.
Julian Payne, Charter Commission member, said it was
an interesting process with a very diverse group.
There were only a few things that did not make it on
the final revision. Mr. Payne added, he was upset at
the end with the last minute rule change of the 7/3
votes because everyone agreed on the rules from the
very start of the process and if the rules stayed the
same then he would of voted in favor of the charter.
Samantha Burdick, Charter Commission member, added the
end rule change was due to having more members having
a consensus to approve the final vote and it was not
made to take anything away.
Lutie Brown, Charter Committee member, urge the
council to move this item allowing the voters to vote
on it in this November election.

Cathy Weeks, Charter Committee member, agreed with Mr. Payne and mentioned some items that failed in a pervious meeting would be brought back up when the person who was a "swing vote" was not in attendance that meeting. She also thanked Mr. Lee for being a great resource during the process. Councilor Mayhew commended the work they have done and believes it is a good document with good changes. He also added he disagrees with Councilor Francke on the majority vote for the municipal budget. Rein Finch strongly urged the council to amend the zoning ordinance to allow amendments to go to the planning board without having to go before the council first.
Vote: All in Favor (5-1) (Opposed Foss)

ORDER 155-2020 APPROPRIATION OF MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL
OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1,
2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDINANCE 164-2020 AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilor Mayhew was happy to see there would be no tax increase, especially during the pandemic. Councilor Francke asked for an update on the revenue sharing from the state. Mr. Roy informed the council of the new 2.3 million the city will get in revenue sharing compared to the budgeted amount of 1.8 million. He also added if the city does get the 2.3 million then they won't need to touch the surplus that was originally planned. Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 165-2020 REPAIR OF THE TWO-CENT PLAZA

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Vote: All in Favor (5-1) (Opposed Francke)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 172-2020 PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUTDOOR DINING

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilor Foss likes the proposed resolution and the outdoor dining is going well for businesses.
Mayor Isgro added all businesses are restricted and would like to see some business allowed to use parking spots in front of their business.
Jennifer Bergeron, owner of Lion's Den Tavern, clarified her request to keep outdoor dining open longer for her customers to finish their food and beverages after the 11p.m. cutoff. She also wanted to council to think about allowing her to keep the outdoor structure up year-round and to keep outdoor dining going as long as possible.
Mayor Isgro agreed with Ms. Bergeron keeping the outdoor going for as long as they can.
Councilor Mayhew said this was a reasonable request and small businesses want to be a part of the solution.
Councilor Foss welcomed Ms. Bergeron's ideas and would like to look at them for the 2021 season.
Charles Giguere, owner of Silver Street Tavern, thanked the council for their extension of outdoor dining. He is concerned with the possible spread of the coronavirus when people do not follow the social distancing guidelines later in the evenings when alcohol is being consumed then the downtown businesses would get shut down again. He also believes when the temperature starts to drop the customers will not want to sit outside.
Councilor Oliveira added giving the restaurants an extra 30 minutes to allow for clean up and customers to finish.
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended changing outdoor dining from 12 midnight to 11:30P.M.
Vote: All in Favor (5-1) (Opposed Francke)
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended
Vote: All in Favor (5-1) (Opposed Francke)

ORDER 173-2020 APPROVAL OF FORFEITURE (FITTS)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 174-2020 APPROVAL OF PIPELINE EASEMENT & RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT (NATURAL GAS)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 175-2020 ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE TO VEILLEUX & COTE,

LLC, D/B/A ERICA'S

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 176-2020 ISSUANCE OF A VICTUALER'S LICENSE TO VEILLEUX &
COTE, LLC, D/B/A ERICA'S

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 177-2020 ISSUANCE OF A SECONDHAND LICENSE TO ALLYSON
ROBERTS, D/B/A ALLY'S PLACE THRIFT SHOP

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 178-2020 ISSUANCE OF A VICTUALER'S LICENSE TO MARK
WATSON, D/B/A BOLLEY'S FAMOUS FRANKS WATERVILLE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

COUNCILOR UPDATES

Councilor Francke updated the council on the solar committee that meet with the developer work should start in July 2021.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Ernest Grolimund, Johnson Heights, informed the council that Harvard University discovered air pollution was part of the cause to COVID-19 and people with asthma and heart disease who get the coronavirus causes their immune system to shut down.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Roy announced there will be a solar committee meeting this Thursday, parking committee meeting next Thursday 8/13/20 at 5 p.m. He also asked the council if they could have a special council meeting next Tuesday to go over some items with the Fire department.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

City Clerk